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TAGS: OVIP, SL (STEVENS, PRESIDENT SIAKA)

SUBJECT: STEVENS VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES

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1. DEPT REQUESTS RESPONSE BY IMMEDIATE TELEGRAM TO FOLLOWING POINTS REGARDING STEVENS' VISIT. (A) WHO WILL BE ACCOMPANYING PRESIDENT? WE UNDERSTAND FROM TEMPLESMAN AND SONS AND AMBASSADOR PALMER THAT ONLY PRIVATE SECRETARY AND TWO OR THREE SECURITY PEOPLE WILL ACCOMPANY. (B) HOW LONG WILL WASHINGTON PORTION OF VISIT LAST? AT PRESENT WE UNDERSTAND ONLY THAT STEVENS IS ON QUOTE INTERNATIONAL TOUR UNQUOTE. (C) WHAT SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES DOES STEVENS WISH TO RAISE WITH HIGH RANKING OFFICIALS HERE? WHICH OFFICIALS DOES HE WISH TO CALL UPON, AND FOR WHAT PURPOSE? (D) WHAT IS THE OVERALL PURPOSE OF THIS TRIP? OUR IMPRESSION IS THAT PRESIDENT STEVENS MAY BE TREATING THIS TRIP AS A VACATION AND MAY WISH ONLY VERY LIGHT SCHEDULING. (E) TEMPLESMAN'S FIRM INFORMS US IT IS MAKING ITS 55 FOOT BOAT AVAILABLE FOR STEVENS DURING HIS WASHINGTON STAY. BETHLEHEM HAS EXPRESSED INTEREST IN FLYING STEVENS FROM

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NEW YORK MORNING OF MAY 25 TO ITS PENNSYLVANIA HEADQUARTERS

AND THEN ON TO WASHINGTON IN THE EVENING.

2. ANY FURTHER SUCH INFORMATION ON STEVENS' VISIT IS WELCOME
GOSL EMBASSY REMAINS WITHOUT INSTRUCTIONS. KISSINGER

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